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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE STATE 139249 AND PREVIOUS: REGARDING THE QUESTION OF CONSULAR ACCESS TO AMCITS DURING THE PRE-TRIAL KGB INVESTIGATION, WE BELIEVE THERE IS A STRONG SUPPLEMENTARY CARD TO PAY ALONGSIDE OF ARTICLE 49 OF RSFSR CCP. CLIFF GROSS RECALLS THAT DURING ONE OF THE LUNCHEONS LEN WILLEMS ARRANGED WITH SOVIET CONSOFFS DURING CLIFF'S RECENT WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS, PONOMAREV REMARKED THAT SOVIET COMMUNITY IN US, BOTH DIPLOMATIC AND NON-DIPLOMATIC, HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY SOVIET EMBASSY NEVER TO ANSWER ANY SUMMONS, RESPOND TO INTERROGATIONS, APPEAR IN COURT OR POLICE STATIONS, ETC. UNLESS A SOVIET CONSULAR OFFICER IS PRESENT. IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR LEN TO NAIL THAT POINT DOWN AT AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION WITH SOVIET CONSULAR OFFICERS, UNLESS LEN ALREADY HAS A CLEAR RECOLLECTION ON THE MATTER.

2. IF IT TURNS OUT THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN FACT ISSUED SUCH INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS COMMUNITY, WOULD WE BE IN A POSITION TO INSIST ON RECIPROCITY, PARTICULARLY
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